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TO AMEMBASSY BRAZZAVILLE PRIORITY
INFO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA
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BRAZZAVILLE FOR PSO, POIC SEABEE TEAM, KINSHASA FOR RSO,

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ASEC NSU

SUBJECT: SEABEE MATTERS

NAIROBI FOR RSS, OIC RTC

REF: (A) BRAZZAVILLE 623 (NOTAL), (B) BRAZZAVILLE 634
(NOTAL)

1. WHEN OIC NSU VISITED AMEMBASSY BRAZZAVILLE IN MARCH 1978, EMBASSY PLANNED TO PROCEED WITH EXECUTIVE SUITE RENOVATION SOONEST. IN VIEW OF SEABEE PROJECT WHICH WAS THEN UNDERWAY IN KINSHASA, AND TECHNICAL NATURE OF ELECTRICAL WORK IN EXECUTIVE SUITE, OIC NSU SUGGESTED THAT ONE OF THE

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SEABEES THEN IN KINSHASA PROVIDE CONSEC WHEN KINSHASA PROJECT COMPLETED. IN THE INTERIM BETWEEN OIC NSU DEPARTURE AND COMPLTION OF KINSHASA PROJECT, IT WAS THE UNDERSTANDING OF OIC NSU THAT THE POST WOULD PROCEED WITH PRELIMINARY MATTERS, NAMELY CONTACTING THE CONTRACTOR, LAYING OUT SERVICES REQUIRED, GETTING CONTRACTOR ESTIMATE AND SCHEDULING PROJECT START DATE. ONCE THAT WAS COMPLETED, SEABEE COULD

MOVE FROM KINSHASA TO BRAZZAVILLE AND SMOOTH TRANSITION COULD TAKE PLACE. APPARENTLY THIS HAS NOT HAPPENDED. OBSERVATION IN REF (A) THAT EMBASSY HAS NO DRAWINGS OR SPECIFICATIONS, AND RECOMMENDATION OF PSO TO UTILIZE CONTRACTOR PROVIDED DRAWINGS AND SPECIFICATIONS ARE IN CONSONANCE WITH DIRECTION THAT THIS PROJECT SHOULD NOW TAKE. UT1 MORRELL SHOULD ASSIST POST WHERE POSSIBLE TO FACILITATE TIMELY COMPLETION OF EXECUTIVE SUITE RENOVATION BY LOCAL CONTRACTOR UNDER SEABEE CONSTRUCTION SURVEILLANCE.

2. AS A MATTER OF POLICY, SEABEES DO NOT GET INVOLVED IN INSTALLATION, REPAIR AND MODIFICATIONS OF TELEPHONE SYSTEMS. DISCUSSIONS HAVE TAKEN PLACE WITH RCO BISCHOFF PRESENTLY IN WASHINGTON, D.C. FOR CONFERENCE. SINCE THE PRESENT PHONE SYSTEM IN BRAZZAVILLE CONSISTS OF A FEW LINES WHICH ARE EASILY IDENTIFIABLE AND THE PROPOSED K36 KEY SYSTEM SCHEDULED FOR BRAZZAVILLE ENVISIONS REPLACEMENT OF THE ENTIRE SYSTEM, A/SY HAS NO OBJECTION TO A ONE TIME EXCEPTION OF TELEPHONE POLICY STATED ABOVE. SEABEE MORRELL MAY ASSIST POST IN REMOVAL OF UNNECESSARY TELEPHONE WIRES, ETC., AS STATED IN REF (B).

3. REQUEST POST PROVIDE PROJECT MILESTONES AND ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION DATE.

4. STANDARD PROCEDURE UPON ARRIVAL PROJECT SITE IS TO SEND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ARRIVAL MESSAGE WITH DATE AND TIME AND INDICATING AVAILABILITY/NON-AVAILABILITY GOVT QUARTERS/MESSING. THIS INFO FACILITATES ADJUSTMENTS TO MASTER PAY ACCOUNT AND ADVISED OIC NSU OF PERSONNEL WHEREABOUTS. HEARSAY FROM PREVIOUS PROJECT SUPERVISOR ON PLANNED MOVEMENT DOES NOT SUFFICE. POIC SHOULD SUBMIT THIS INFORMATION SOONEST. CHRISTOPHER

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